

# Connie Mack's Team Here Tomorrow--Erickson Shows Form in Pitching

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## LOOKING 'EM OVER

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### Mackmen Make Bow Tomorrow

Connie Mack and his A's make their Washington debut of 1921 tomorrow, opening a four-game series and closing the first home stay of the Griffins this season. Strange as it may appear to some, few believe the Mackmen are doomed to cellar dishonor this year. On the other hand, a large majority think the Mackmen will be making a battle for fifth or sixth when the season straightens out. This belief is founded upon an improved pitching staff, an improved outfield trio and the acquisition of Brazil at first base. Perry, Naylor, Harris, Rommel and Hasty form Connie Mack's first string hurling corps, and with a year's experience behind them, they look better than any pitching staff the A's have had since Bender, Plank, and Combs tossed the onion at Shibe Park. Tilly Walker is the one veteran outfielder left, the others being young, vigorous, ambitious and speedy. Brazil has given the infield quartet the needed punch for a winner. The A's should play some fine ball this season.

As for the Red Sox, looking at them for three days one can find little to evoke cheers. Before the utter hopelessness of it all dawns upon them, Joe Bush and Sam Jones should pitch excellent ball. But once they realize that their best efforts are likely to be wasted on a light-hitting, spavined gang boomed or ignored by home fans, they will begin to go through the motions. This is perfectly natural. Others have done the same thing. It will not be new when the Red Sox do it. Harry Frazee has literally ripped and torn his 1920 ball club into smithereens, and that 1920 aggregation was no pennant-winner, either. The Red Sox field is not the worst in the league by many shakes. Everett Scott is still a wonderful shortstop. His playing in this first series here has been as brilliant as ever, his speed in covering ground and his pegs being quite a par with anything he has ever done.

Stuffy McInnis, who by the way has two more games to play assigned before being benched under the rules of the American League, is a fine first baseman, and, when he gets down to his real weight and has his batting hands shined up, should play great ball for the Bostonians. Del Pratt, though, is not likely to set any lakes ablaze in Boston. Under the urge of the pennant drive as a Yankee, Pratt quite outdid himself last year. High-spirited in the extreme, Pratt is sure to feel games and arrows hurled at him by peevish Red rooters. He soured on the same thing in St. Louis. He faces the same thing in Boston.

**VITT GOOD FIELDER.** Oscar Vitt, destined to play third base, is an excellent fielder and just as good a hitter. In eighty-seven games last year he reached the magnificent total of 220 at bat. There is no reason for believing that he will do much better than that this year. Eddie Foster, a third-string performer and third base roles, is a brilliant fielder, but he is not the same dependable hitter he was when with the Washington club.

**GRIFTS LEAD LEAGUE.** Today George McBride's Griffins lead the league, tied with the Indians. This means little or nothing at this early date, though it must tickle the palate of the average fan to know that his team is at the top and not at the bottom, even in April. So long as the Griffins are given capable pitching they look like a good ball team. Al Schacht turned in a smooth performance on Thursday, and Olaf Erickson luffed his way through nine frames on Friday, winning his game, 7 to 1. The Griffins can hit and they can field. Give 'em steady flinging and they can win a large percentage of their contests all season long.

Erickson pitched beautifully against the New York Giants in the recent spring exhibition series. He looked better than any of the other hurlers under George McBride's command. He has developed a side arm delivery which, if he will stay with it, should make him one of the league's leading pitchers. The big blond had that side arm working yesterday against the Red Sox. In the first five frames just two

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### OLAF JUST LAFFS

Red Sox, AB H O A  
Leibold, 2 1 0 0  
Hendry, 2 1 0 0  
Vitt, 2 1 0 0  
Foster, 2 1 0 0  
Menosky, 2 1 0 0  
Collins, 2 1 0 0  
Pratt, 2 1 0 0  
McInnis, 2 1 0 0  
Scott, 2 1 0 0  
Ruel, 2 1 0 0  
Bush, 2 1 0 0  
Karr, 2 1 0 0  
Fullerton, 2 1 0 0  
Pittenger, 2 1 0 0  
Totals, 24 24 14 5

### DUCKPIN DIRECTORS MEET TOMORROW

Will Further Plans for the Eleventh Annual Tournament, May 9.

### STANDINGS

AMERICAN.			
Washington	2 1 547	Chicago	1 1 560
Cleveland	2 1 467	New York	1 1 560
Pittsburgh	2 1 467	Boston	0 0 000
Philadelphia	1 1 506	St. Louis	1 1 523

  

NATIONAL.			
New York	2 1 508	Brooklyn	1 1 523
Chicago	2 1 508	Cincinnati	1 1 523
Pittsburgh	2 1 467	St. Louis	0 0 000
Boston	2 1 467	Philadelphia	0 0 000

### M'INNIS TO TALK TURKEY TO FRAZEE

Veteran First Baseman Will Insist on Red Sox Meeting His Terms.

### TAGGING THE BASES

Riviere and Kircher were knocked off the mound by the Cubs who made it two straight from St. Louis.

### CENTRAL IS AHEAD IN TITLE SERIES

Defeats Western and Takes League Leadership on 12 to 7 Count.

### YANKEES WILL BATTLE TWO GOOD BALL TEAMS

The Yankee Athletic Club will stage two tough games this week when they hook up with the Roslyn Steel and Cement Company and the Emano Athletic Club.

### QUINCY A. C. WILL ENGAGE BROOKLAND A. C. NINE

Quincy A. C. players will journey out to Brookland tomorrow afternoon and will tackle the Brookland A. C. team at 3 o'clock. Roy Deal will probably pitch for the Quinacs.

### WESTOVERS WILL TACKLE NAVY YARD'S PLAYERS

The Westover A. C. and Zone Four Navy Yard teams will meet on diamond four, Monument grounds, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### HORSESHOE PITCHERS WILL HONOR HARDING

President Harding will be presented with a set of specially manufactured horseshoes next Monday morning at the White House.

### JIMMY WILDE TO HAVE COMPETITION SOON IN U.S.

CAMDEN, N. S., April 16.--Jimmy Wilde, the flyweight champion of the world and the greatest fast flogger ever developed in England, is planning another sojourn of the United States.

### METMEN WILL ENGAGE LANGDON CLUB SUNDAY

The Metropolitan A. C. will meet the Langdon Athletic Club in Langdon tomorrow afternoon.

### ARLINGTONS NOSE OUT BROOKMONT A.C. PLAYERS

In a hotly contested battle, Arlington A. C. won over the Brookmont A. C. yesterday. Arlington proved to have the edge on the Brookmont boys in the clutching end of the game.

### TEAMS PLAY TENNIS

Maryland University tennis players will engage the George Washington team today in Potomac Park.

### TENLEYTOWN PLAYS

The Tenleytown A. C. will play the Railroad Administration nine tomorrow at 3 p. m. on the Friend's School diamond.

### PENN'S RACQUETS WIN

University of Pennsylvania tennis players defeated Catholic University eleven five matches to none yesterday at C. U.

### MIDGETS WIN GAME

The Adath Midgets trounced the Knickerbocker Midgets on Monument Lot, diamond three, yesterday, 31 to 7.

### Who's Broiled Live Lobsters

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Verment Ave. Above K  
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Proprietor and Manager.